

HOUSE RESOLUTION 159

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Freda Greene Martin on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Freda Greene Martin is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for a number of years as director of the Child Welfare Training Center and Adjunct Professor of Social Work at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a social worker by profession, Mrs. Martin previously worked as director of social work at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis and as discharge planning coordinator and medical social worker at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin will be taking a much deserved retirement in January of this year, closing out a noble and remarkable career of helping others; and

WHEREAS, a native Memphian and graduate of Hamilton High School, Mrs. Martin holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from LeMoyne-Owen College, a Master of Science degree in Social Work from the University of Tennessee School of Social Work, and a Master of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Associated Catholic Charities, and the National Association of Social Workers West Tennessee Branch, which has recognized her as "Social Worker of the Year". She is also a life member and past president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter; and

WHEREAS, vigilant in fulfilling her life's motto, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain," Mrs. Martin has a special affinity for the eradication of

HIV/AIDS and lends her support to Friends for Life Agency and Hope House Day Care for children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin also contributes her time and numerous talents to her church, St. Augustine Catholic Church, where she has served as chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council; and

WHEREAS, The wife of Tommy L. Martin, and Mrs. Martin has one daughter, Melanie, and three grandchildren, Kara Denise, Sara Rose, Shane Edward; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Martin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Freda Greene Martin our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.